

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- Sub A1
- 5 1. A method of operating a slot machine, said method comprising:
- generating a first game result using circuitry within said slot machine;
- displaying said first game result on a video screen of said slot machine;
- 10 if said first game result meets certain criteria, generating a bonus game result using said circuitry and displaying said bonus game result on said video screen,
- said generating and displaying said first game result and said bonus game result being performed by
- 15 the same hardware in said slot machine so as to require no additional hardware to generate and display said bonus game result; and
- awarding coins to a player based on said first game result and said bonus game result.
- 20 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonus game result is a bonus award for achieving a particular first game result.
- 25 Sub A2 3. The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonus game result identifies a number of additional coins paid to a player.

4. A slot machine comprising:
circuitry within said slot machine for generating
a first game result;
5 a video display screen on said slot machine for
displaying said first game result;
circuitry within said slot machine for generating
a bonus game result, if said first game result meets
certain criteria, and displaying said bonus game result
10 on said video screen;
wherein generating and displaying said first game
result and said bonus game result is performed by the
same hardware in said slot machine so as to require no
additional hardware to generate and display said bonus
15 game result.
5. The machine of Claim 4 wherein said bonus
game result is a bonus award for achieving a particular
first game result.
- 20 6. The machine of Claim 4 wherein said bonus
game identifies a number of additional coins paid to
player.

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